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MERRIMACK, N.H. —Smokestacks at the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics plant in Merrimack are emitting perfluorochemicals, according to recently released test results.

State officials said the emissions translate to less than two ounces, which is below state and federal standards, but the chemical was also previously detected in wells around the plant.

The chemical was phased out in 2014, but it was found in private wells in concentrations above the Environmental Protection Agency's advisory level.

The water contamination has impacted residents with private wells in many surrounding towns, including Merrimack, Litchfield and Bedford.

The company said it will clean the perfluorochemical residue from the smokestacks. Another test will take place in August.

Saint-Gobain CEO Tom Kinisky told WMUR back in April that the company is trying clean the water as "quickly as possible."